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Subject: FW: Congresswoman Velázquez's Meeting On September 15th
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From: Katia Kelly [mailto:pardonmeinbrooklyn@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 11:58 AM

To: Tsiamis, Christos

Subject: Fwd: Congresswoman Velázquez's Meeting On September 15th

Dear Christos,

Thank you so much for updating me on the Gowanus Superfund this morning.

It has been a long summer, but I am looking forward to submerge myself once again in all things related to the Gowanus, its clean-up and my activities as a member of the Community Advisory Group.

I felt that it was important to reach out to Dan Wiley of Congresswoman Velázquez's office in regards to the meeting with EPA on September 15th, which you mentioned in our conversation.

I understand that the Congresswoman has invited an 'interested party' or parties to represent the community at the meeting.

I was frankly surprised that the Congresswoman's invitation did not include the CAG. As you so well know, the Gowanus Superfund CAG represents over 50 neighborhood organizations as well as members-at-large. It is the largest and perhaps the most engaged CAG in the country and has been a capable voice for the community. And we are all interested parties. I reached out to Dan to ask who will be representing the community at the meeting and to express my hope that Congresswoman Velázquez will open the conversation to a broader segment of the community.

Below, please find my email to Dan.

As always, thank you for your team's incredible work here in Gowanus,

Sincerely, Katia

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From: **Katia Kelly** <pardonmeinbrooklyn@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Sep 10, 2015 at 11:23 AM

Subject: Congresswoman Velázquez's Meeting On September 15th

To: "Wiley, Daniel" <Daniel.Wiley@mail.house.gov>, Douglas Sarno <doug@forumfg.com>

Good morning, Dan.

I just reached out to EPA Region 2 to get a quick update on the Gowanus Superfund clean-up process since I have been gone for the past two months.

As part of the conversation, I learned that Congresswoman Velázquez will be hosting a meeting on Tuesday, September 15 with EPA to which your office has invited 'interested parties' from the community.

I was a bit surprised as I had not gotten any information about this meeting through the EPA Community Advisory Group.

Could you please let me know who or what community group(s) have been invited to the meeting as "interested parties"?

Will the invitation be extended to the members of the CAG? As you well know, the CAG represents the broadest voice of the community. Its members have taken the time to understand the science and the complexities of the issues and should certainly be allowed to

be part of the conversation on September 15th.
After all, we are all "interested parties."
Thank you in advance for your response,
Sincerely,
Katia Kelly

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